

Trading and Markets; Andy Vollmer, Acting General Counsel; and Lori A. Richards, Director, Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations; and public witnesses.

### **PROMOTING BANK LIQUIDITY/LENDING MEASURES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills; H.R. 787, To make improvements in the Hope for Homeowners Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 788, to provide a safe harbor for mortgage servicers who engage in specified mortgage loan modifications, and for other purposes; and H.R. 786, To make permanent the temporary increase in deposit insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

### **U.S. LATIN AMERICA POLICY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Latin America in 2009 and Beyond. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; COMMITTEE'S OVERSIGHT PLAN**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee also approved the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 111th Congress.

### **MIDNIGHT RULEMAKING**

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Midnight Rulemaking: Shedding Some Light. Testimony was heard from Representative Nadler; Curtis Copeland, Specialist in American National Government, Government and Finance Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### **COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; COMMITTEE'S OVERSIGHT PLAN**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee also approved the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 111th Congress.

### **SMALL BUSINESS—HEALTH CARE REFORM**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled "Health Care Reform in a Struggling Economy: What is on the Horizon for Small Business?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **HIGH SEAS—INTERNATIONAL PIRACY**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on International Piracy on the High Seas. Testimony was heard from RADM William D. Baumgartner, USCG, Judge Advocate Gen-

eral, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; RADM Ted Branch, USN, Director of Information, Plans, and Security, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; James Caponiti, Acting Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

### **SUSTAINABLE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Sustainable Wastewater Management. Testimony was heard from Brian McLean, Director, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; and public witnesses.

### **VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Held a hearing on the State of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

The Committee also met for organizational purposes.

### **ROADMAP FROM POZNAN TO COPENHAGEN—PRECONDITIONS FOR SUCCESS**

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:* Held a hearing entitled "Roadmap from Poznan to Copenhagen—Preconditions for Success." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine federal food safety relative to the peanut products recall, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), focusing on oversight of the financial rescue package, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* organizational business meeting to consider committee's rules of procedure, and subcommittee membership and jurisdiction for the 111th Congress, Time to be announced, S-116, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine Iran status report, focusing on nuclear and political issues, 4:30 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine implementing best patient care practices, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider any pending nominations, and the committee funding resolution for the 111th Congress, 2 p.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* organizational business meeting to consider the committee's selection of Chairman and Vice Chairman, rules of procedure for the 111th Congress, and funding resolution; to be followed by an

oversight hearing to examine advancing Indian health care, 11 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Leon Panetta, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.